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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT : Proposed Basic Policy Document: National Policy and Procedures for the Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations.**

**REFERENCE : Memorandum from Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, 5 August 1966**

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Director of Central Intelligence; this action is contained in paragraph 9.
2. The United States Military Information Control Committee is about to cease its activities and in its place will be constituted the National Military Information Disclosure Policy Committee (NDPC).
3. A Working Group chaired by Richard B. Freund of the Department of State has been rewriting the basic policy and procedures manual for the new Committee, and has now presented the attached final draft of the Basic Policy Document, its Annex and a draft Circular Airgram intended to transmit the new Policy to the field, for concurrence. This final draft is the one that was referred to by Admiral Taylor at the USIB meeting of 28 July 1966.
4. The new Committee becomes the central authority for establishing disclosure policies for U. S. programs and activities involving the disclosure of classified military information to foreign governments and international organizations. Such policies will be consistent with the foreign policy of the United States, including foreign economic, arms control and disarmament policies, as well as consistent with the military objectives of the United States.
5. One of the major changes is the recognition of the part which country teams, military commands and other U. S. elements in the field will play in the formulation of disclosure policies. The Committee will be kept apprised of situations in the field requiring implementation of policies as well as significant events that change policy. One of its

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responsibilities is to see that policy is implemented in Washington, elsewhere in the U. S. and at U. S. posts abroad. Each calendar year the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of AEC and the Director of Central Intelligence, will submit a report to the National Security Council on the implementation of the policy.

6. Another major change is the reference to national and interdepartmental intelligence which specifically states that such disclosures must be separately authorized by the Director of Central Intelligence with the concurrence of the United States Intelligence Board. This reference will eliminate much of the confusion that existed in the past. The Committee's authority is only concerned with military intelligence produced within the Department of Defense.

7. The new disclosure policy does not affect or modify any authority or responsibility vested in the Director of Central Intelligence where he is required by law, Executive Order or other Presidential Authorization to make specific determinations concerning disclosures of classified military information to foreign recipients. Nor does it delimit the Director's authority for the protection of sources and methods.

8. Other changes are more procedural in nature affecting the Departments of State and Defense and the work of the Committee.

9. It is recommended that the attached memorandum be signed which concurs in the Basic Policy Document, its Annex and the draft Circular Airgram.

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Attachment

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Memo for sign. to State Dept.

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